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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)		Docket No. (Optional) 41394-00009USPT	
	In re Application of John R. Hampton, et al.		
	Application Number 09/887392-Conf. #7158		Filed June 22, 2001
	For: FILTER ELEMENT ISOLATION BARRIER		
	Art Unit 1724	Examiner	Not Yet Assigned

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows (check time period desired):

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))	\$ 110.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))	\$ _____

- Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$ 55.00
- A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
- Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.
- The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.
- The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 10-0447

I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

- I am the  applicant/inventor.  
 assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.  
Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).  
 attorney or agent of record. Registration Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34(a).

Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34(a) 28,708

Jan. 21, 2004  
Date

Margaret A. Boulware  
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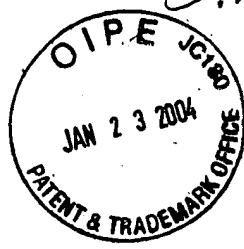
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NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below

Total of 1 forms are submitted.

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## AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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41394-00009USPT

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Applicant(s): John R. Hampton, et al.

Invention: FILTER ELEMENT ISOLATION BARRIER

### TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED					
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid	Number Extra Claims Present	Rate	
Total Claims	18	- 48 =		x	0.00
Independent Claims	2	- 7 =		x	0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>					
Other fee (please specify): Extension for response within first month					55.00
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT:</b>					<b>55.00</b>

Large Entity

Small Entity

No additional fee is required for this amendment.

Please charge Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

A check in the amount of \$ 55.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

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Credit any overpayment.

Charge any additional filing or application processing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17.



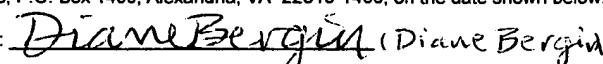
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